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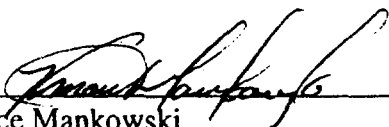
Important Information From Your Academy of Model Aeronautics

Dear Fellow AMA Member:

The enclosed letter will explain a recent proposed action from the FCC. The Academy has begun to coordinate efforts by all segments of the hobby and the association industry to defeat this proposal.

It is vitally important that each of us also makes an individual effort in this matter. The most important thing that can be done is that you write to the FCC *before February 26* with your comments. Secondly, please write to your Senators and Congressmen in order that we may "hit all bases" in this proposal which would have profound effects on modeling.

I cannot use strong enough words to encourage your help in this matter. Your help is essential to our efforts and together we can be successful. For your convenience, a sample letter format is provided on the back side.


Vince Mankowski
Executive Director

John:
These people have a very Real Beef.
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the people that operate
are said family citizens
riding and repeating
or on drugs.
John, Radio,
getting along with
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Draft Letter to Senator or Representative Regarding FCC Rule Making

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The Honorable [–Name–]

The Honorable John Boehner
1020 Longworth

January 30, 1993

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Washington, DC 20515

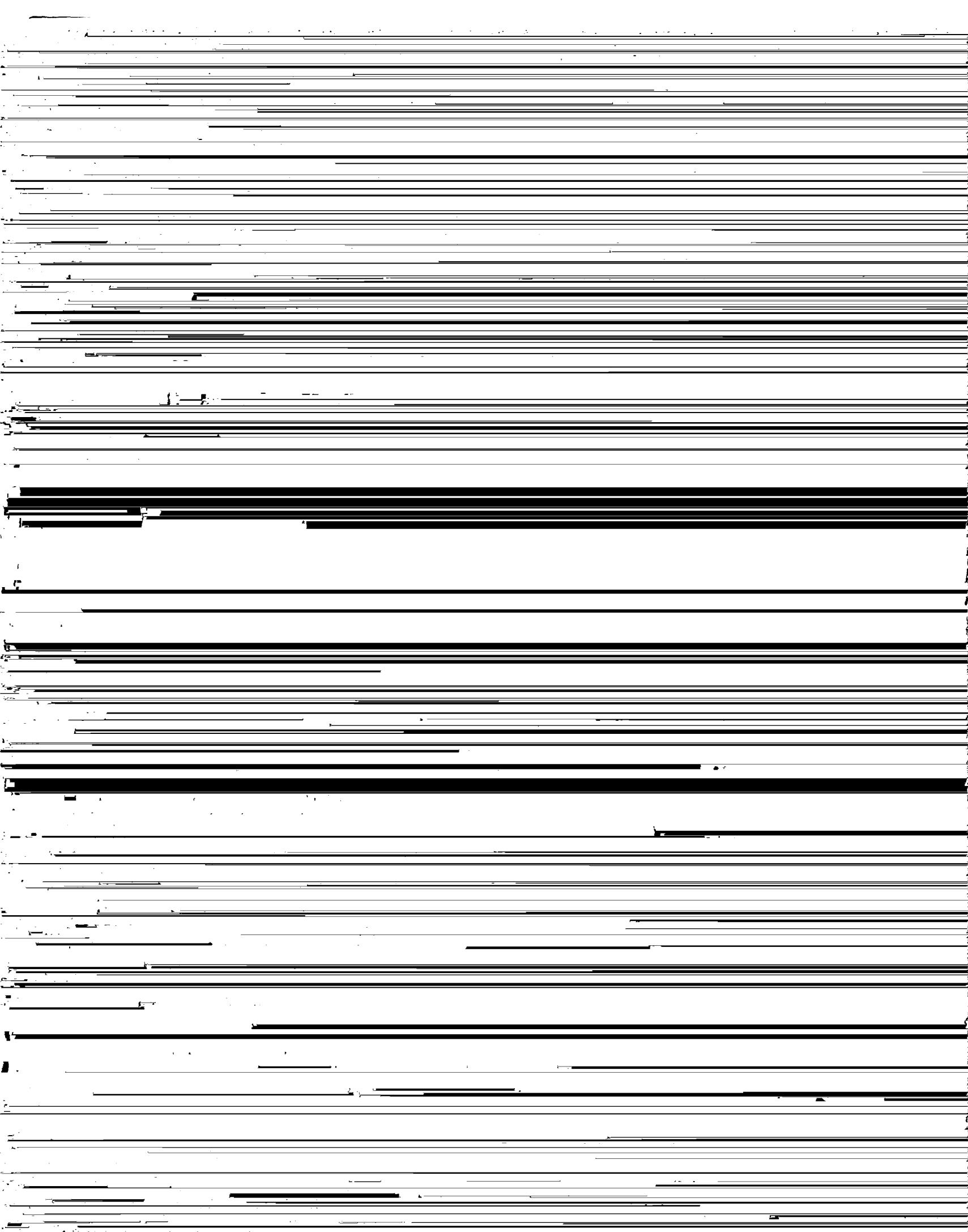
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The Honorable John Boehner
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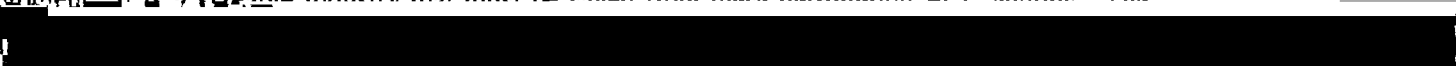
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When we operate our R/C models, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operators and bystanders and the protection of property. Many of our safety precautions involve the careful coordination and use of the radio control frequencies. If the number of usable frequencies is diminished as proposed by the FCC, the remaining frequencies will become congested and the margin of safety will be greatly decreased.

I don't think it is wise of the FCC to seek to expand the operation conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of the radio-control modelers. The FCC may not think we are as important as business users of radio, but we have a considerable investment in our models and in our radio equipment. It is a sizeable industry that must be saved from these detrimental FCC actions. The



The Honorable John Boehner
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February 8, 1993

Dear Mr. Boehner,

I have enjoyed flying radio controlled model helicopters for the past eight years. I feel my hobby is being threatened by legislation currently being proposed by the FCC. I have made considerable investments in my hobby and am afraid of the effects these rules would have on my being able to continue my hobby and the safety of others and myself in legally using radio control if these rules are allowed to be effected. The safety issues may force me to abandon a hobby which I enjoy considerably.

In detail, I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the FCC. The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model aircraft.

Our radio control frequencies are in the 72-76MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, our radio control frequencies in this band are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either use interfering with the other.

Now the FCC wants to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower bandwidths and rearranging the band plan. As a result, many land mobile frequencies will move closer to the radio control frequencies and cause interference to radio control operations. I am told that of the 50 frequencies that are presently available for radio control of model aircraft, only 19 frequencies will be left if these new rules are adopted. Unfortunately, the frequencies of my current equipment are not among these and would require me to discard this equipment and buy all new frequency equipment. This is not acceptable!

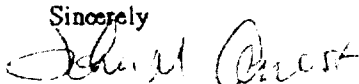
When we fly our model aircraft under radio control, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operators and bystanders and the protection of property. Many of our safety precautions involve the careful coordination and use of the radio control frequencies. If the number of usable frequencies is diminished as proposed by the FCC, the remaining frequencies will become congested and the margin of safety will be greatly decreased.

Please understand that many model aircraft have wing spans up to 10 feet and weigh as much as 30 or 40 pounds. For my model helicopters, the rotor blades form a 5 foot disk rotating at speeds of greater than 1800 rpm. The models themselves are capable of causing property damage, serious injury, or even death if radio interference causes the operator to lose control of the craft. We often fly our models at organized events and contest where hundreds of operators participate. One event our local club of more than 250 members put on brings in more than 10,000 spectators. Their safety is always are prime concern. We need the use of our full complement of radio control frequencies in order to assure a safe flying environment.

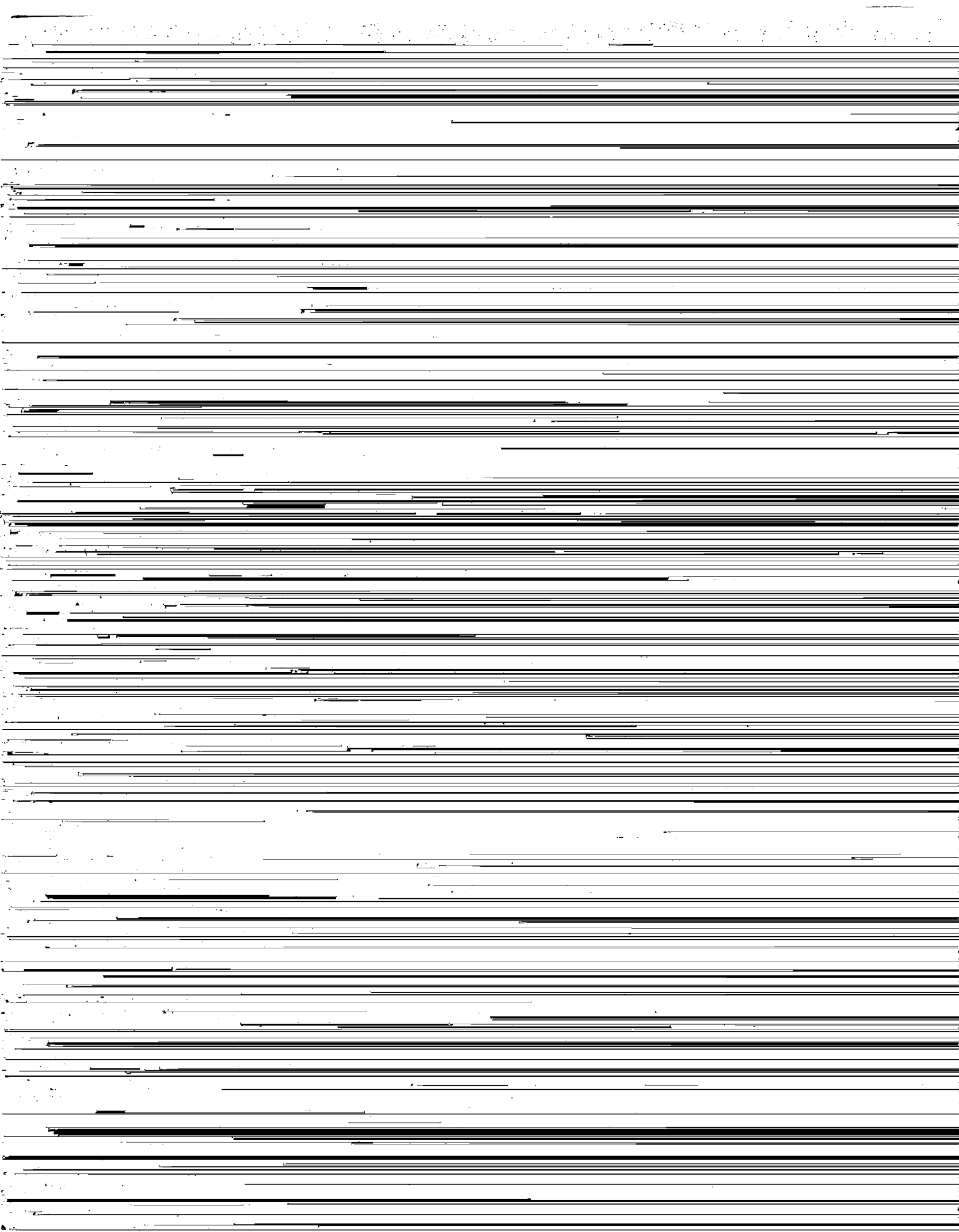
I do not think it is wise of the FCC to seek to improve the operating conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of radio control modelers. The FCC may not think we are as important as business users of radios, but we have a considerable investment in our models and in our radio equipment (my personal investment has probably topped \$15,000). The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to thousands of people like myself and contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry.

Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72-76 MHz band.

Sincerely



John M. Anast



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DEAR JOHN A. BOEHNER

I WOULD LIKE TO CALL TO YOUR ATTENTION MY
OPPOSITION TO THE CURRENT ACTION PENDING WITH THE FCC
ON PR DOCKET 92-235.

I ASK THAT YOU HELP TO DEFEAT THIS RULE. IF
IMPLEMENTED IT WILL CAUSE MANY CITIZENS LIKE ME WHO USE
THESE RADIO FREQUENCIES TO FLY RADIO CONTROLLED MODELS TO
NOT ONLY LOSE THE USE OF MANY DOLLARS OF EQUIPMENT, BUT IT
WILL ALSO MAKE USING THE REMAINING FREQUENCIES DANGEROUS
SINCE THE SHARING USERS WILL BE OPERATING ON A MOBILE
BASIS AND MORE LIKELY TO CAUSE AN ACCIDENT INVOLVING SOME
OF OUR AIRCRAFT. THESE MODELS QUITE OFTEN ARE RATHER
LARGE, OVER 20 POUNDS AND FLY AT SPEEDS IN EXCESS OF 50
MILES PER HOUR. SO THE HAZARDS CAUSED BY INTERFERENCE

Hon. John A. BOEHNER Cong.
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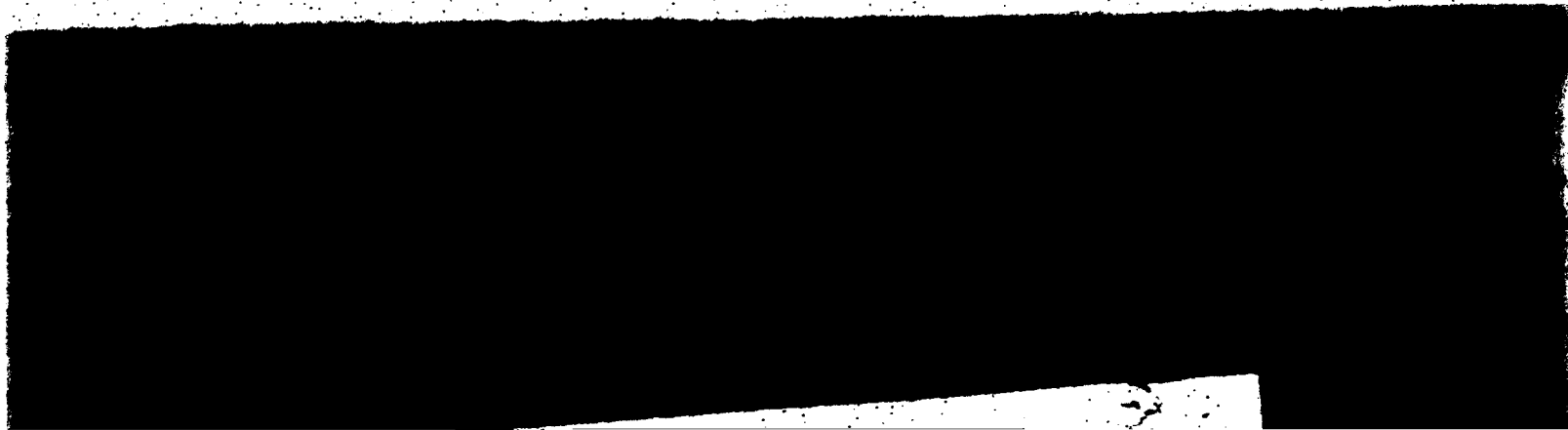
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SIR,

Wouldn't you know it. Right after I spend the money to update all my R/C equipment, someone feels that its time to change it all around again. BOUL!! The cost of preparing for the new frequency environment just implemented (for 72-76 MHz Band) was shared by every modeler in updating old equipment and in the purchase of new equipment. NPRM-PR Docket 92-235, if implemented, will force modelers to update again.

The new frequency proposed will be very close to cars, mobile, and hidden. Much effort has gone into insuring that SAFETY is first, but because mobile signal tolerance will be so poor, mobile signals could be right on top of our signal. All our new equipment will be useless.



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January 30, 1993

Jim
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Dear Mr. Boehner:

I am interested in aviation and am very active in a local club whose members enjoy constructing and operating radio-controlled airplanes. I personally own 4 radios, 11 R/C models, and have a workshop full of other products necessary to operating the models.

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Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposal PR Docket 92-235 for the 72-76 MHz band. We all need your help urgently because the FCC has a deadline of February 26, 1993 after which it may become more difficult to avoid halting these proposals from going into effect.

Sincerely,

MR TIMOTHY L DOZIER
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DAYTON OH 45407

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President
Dayton RC Boat Club

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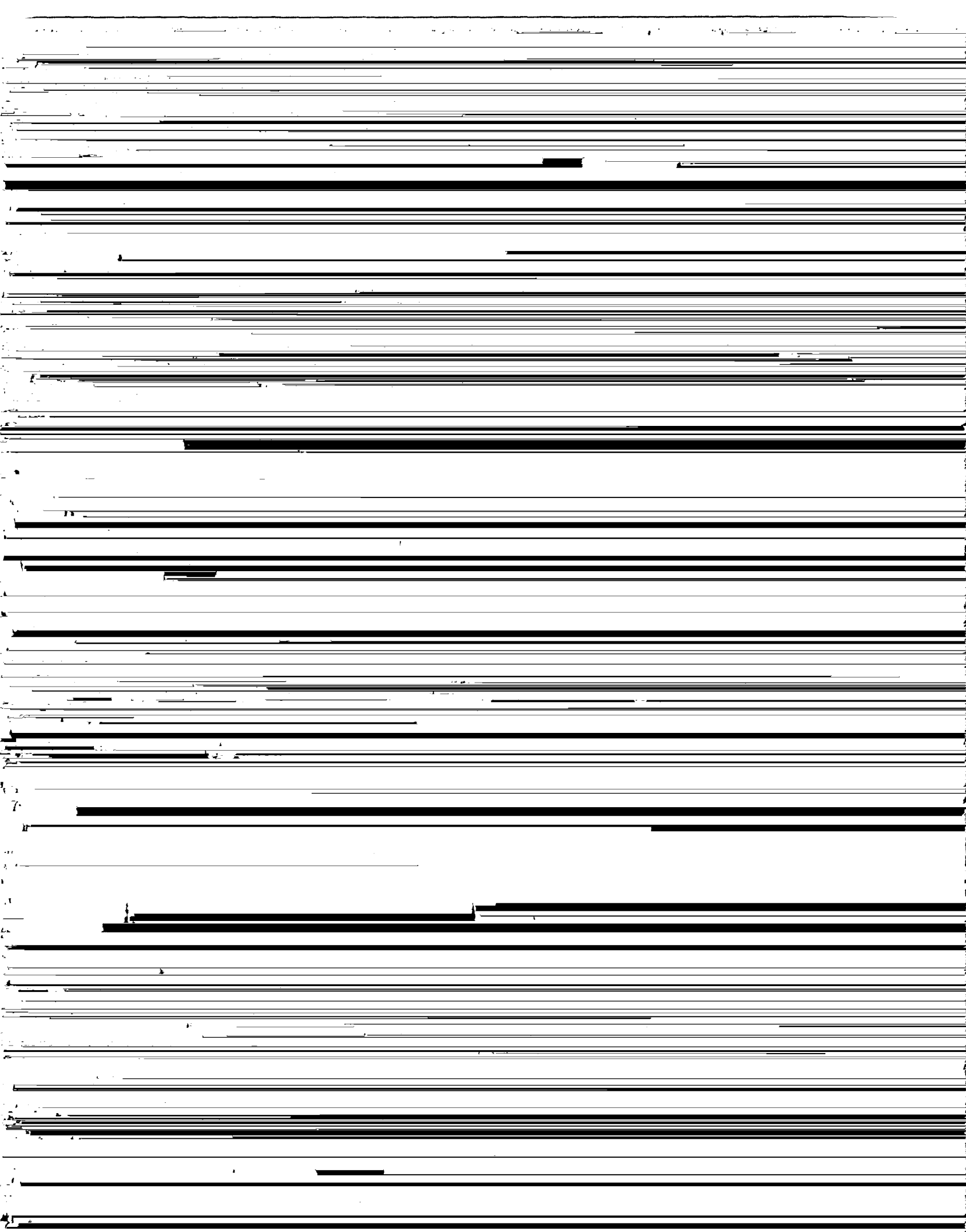
R/C BOATS

I am interested in aviation and am very active in a local club whose members enjoy constructing and operating radio-controlled boats. I especially enjoy 5 radios / 6 R/C models.

February 11, 1993

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DEAR REPRESENTATIVE BOELMER

I AM WRITING TO EXPRESS MY
OPPOSITION TO NPRM 92-2350 IN
PARTICULAR I AM CONCERNED WITH
THE PLAN TO ADD NEW FREQUENCIES IN
BETWEEN EXISTING FREQUENCIES THAT HAVE
~~BE~~ ALLOTTED TO RADIO CONTROLLER MODEL
AIRPLANES. I HAVE INVESTED BETWEEN 5 TO 6
THOUSAND DOLLARS IN MY HOBBY AND ADDING
THESE NEW FREQUENCIES SO CLOSE TO THE
FREQUENCIES WE NOW USE COULD MAKE
OUR MODEL AIRCRAFT UNCONTROLLABLE
AND DANGEROUS TO FLY THEREFORE I AM
ASKING THAT YOU TAKE WHATEVER STEPS
NECESSARY TO CORRECT THIS PROBLEM

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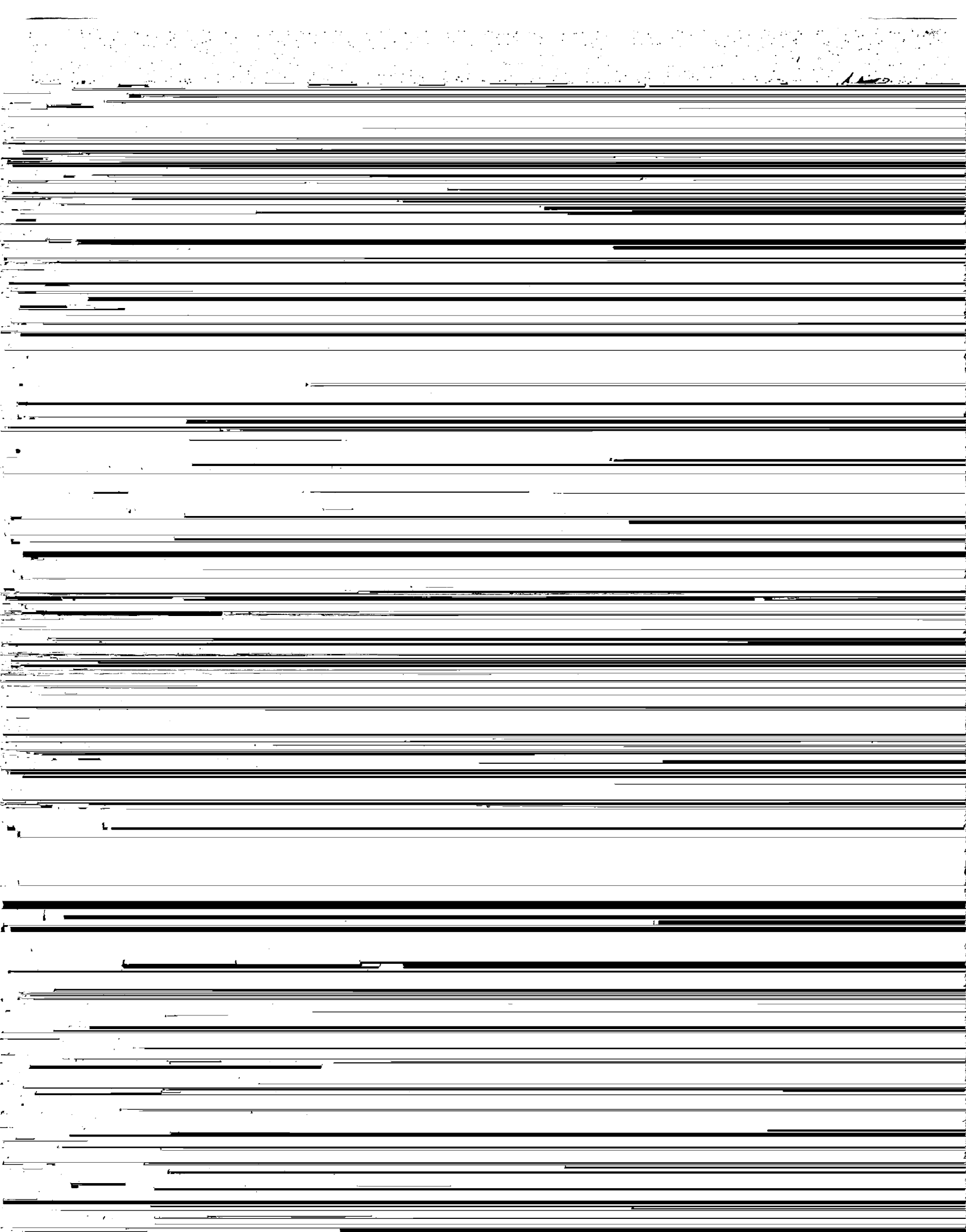
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HAMILTON, OHIO 45011

Merl & Hazel Hodge's
5011 County Home Rd.
Greenville, OH 45331

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DEAR MR. BOENNER:

I AM WRITING THIS LETTER CONCERNING
PR DOCKET 92-235 CONCERNING PROPOSED
FCC CHANGES IN THE 72-76 MHz BAND.
I AM AN AUDIO RADIO CONTROL FLYER.



SONITROL

Before the

Sonitrol of Dayton

Since the proposed X-
frequencies are so close,
interference will occur &
cause most model frequencies
unusable.

This is a great hobby -
I'm currently working with
3 junior high students
on their model airplanes.

Don't pass this rule -
You'll disappoint many a
modeler & ruin this
great hobby, a difficult
one to be safe.

Sincerely,
Dain

Dain Lysan
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